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S. J. RES. 98

[Report No. 1102]

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 6, 1957

Mr. COOPER (for himself, Mr. MORTON, Mr. DIRKSEN, Mr. DOUGLAS, Mr. CAPE-HART, and Mr. JENNER) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AUGUST 22, 1957

Reported by Mr. O'MAHONEY, without amendment

JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish a commission for the commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That there is hereby established a commission to be known
- 4 as the "Abraham Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission"
- 5 (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") which shall
- 6 be composed of fifteen Commissioners as follows:
- 7 (1) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of
- 8 the House of Representatives, both ex-officio;
- 9 (2) Five members to be appointed by the President of
- 10 the United States;

(3) Four members who shall be Members of the Senate,
to be appointed by the President of the Senate; and

3 (4) Four members who shall be Members of the House
4 of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the
5 House of Representatives.

6 SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Commission, after
7 announcement to the American people of its creation and
8 purpose, to prepare plans and a program for the celebration,
9 in 1959, of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the
10 birth of Abraham Lincoln. In preparing such plans and
11 program, the Commission shall give due consideration to
12 any plan which may be submitted to it, and shall take
13 such steps as may be necessary to coordinate and correlate
14 its plans with those prepared by State or civic bodies. If
15 the participation of other nations in the commemoration is
16 deemed advisable, the Commission may communicate to that
17 end with the governments of such nations through the State
18 Department.

19 SEC. 3. (a) The Commission shall select a Chairman
20 and a Vice Chairman from among its members, and may
21 employ, without regard to the civil-service laws or the
22 Classification Act of 1949, such employees as may be neces-
23 sary in carrying out its functions.

24 (b) Service of an individual as a member of the Com-
25 mission shall not be considered as service or employment

1 bringing such individual within the provisions of section 216,
2 281, 283, 284, 434, or 1914 of title 18 of the United States
3 Code, or section 190 of the Revised Statutes (5 U. S. C.
4 99), or section 412 of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act
5 of 1949 (22 U. S. C. 1584); nor shall any member of the
6 Commission by reason of his status as such be deemed to
7 be an "officer of the Government" within the meaning of
8 the Act of April 27, 1916 (5 U. S. C. 101).

9 SEC. 4. The Commissioners shall serve without com-
10 pensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by
11 them in carrying out the duties of the Commission.

12 SEC. 5. The Commission shall, on or before March 1,
13 1958, make a report to the Congress in order that further
14 enabling legislation may be enacted.

15 SEC. 6. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated
16 such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions
17 of this joint resolution, but in no event shall the sums hereby
18 authorized to be appropriated exceed a total of \$10,000.

19 SEC. 7. The Commission shall expire upon the com-
20 pletion of its duties, but in no event later than February
21 12, 1960.

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